



MEETING MINUTES

GRAND RAPIDS COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION



Held: April 22, 2019

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The Council of The Village of Grand Rapids convened in regular session from 7:00 P.M. to 7:40 P.M. in the Grand Rapids Town Hall. Mayor John Berry called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

Jeremy Treen – Present	Bob Krabill – Present
Rachel Smith – Present	Mark Sarkan – Present
Jody Donsbach – Present	

EMPLOYEES: Chad Hoffman and Kristel Beyer

VISITORS: None

MINUTES:

Sarkan wants to make a correction to the minutes. He would like the minutes to only say "We live in a representative republic", Fiscal Officer will change this. Krabill made a motion, seconded by Smith to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 8, 2019 with correction.

BILLS:

Smith made a motion, seconded by Donsbach to approve the bills dated April 6 – April 19, 2019.

Votes were:	Donsbach- yes	Treen – yes	Krabill - yes
	Sarkan - yes	Smith – yes	

MOTION APPROVED

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL: None

SHERIFF'S REPORT: None

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor expressed Mr. Bill Steck will truly be remembered for helping our community and being a great person. He will be greatly missed and was a good asset to the community. He sends thoughts and prayers to the family. Donsbach expressed she attended the funeral on Friday, it was an amazing tribute to him as a person, Coach, Dad, Grandpa, and Community Member.

Mayor stated Steck had many projects he was working on for the community and we will continue them.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Administrator read his report; it will be attached to the Official Minutes.

Administrator said the safety belt was installed on the swing at the park. Administrator talked to Mr. LaRoe about the flags, they need to do something about the poles and

brackets on them. Our employees have been spending time on them each week so something needs done. He has been looking for a new pipe locator, ours has quite working. Also, someone complained about a house in town that stores an enclosed trailer in the right of way and a recreational trailer in the driveway. We have an ordinance against this, I will contact them to remove.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT: None

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS: None

COMMITTEES: None

ORDINANCES:

Krabill made a motion seconded by Smith to declare Ordinance 2019-2 an emergency and suspend the readings due to time restraints for ordering.

Votes were:	Treen – yes	Krabill – yes	Sarkan – yes
	Smith – yes	Donsbach – yes	

MOTION APPROVED

Krabill made a motion seconded by Smith to approve Ordinance 2019-2.

Votes were:	Krabill – yes	Sarkan – yes	Smith – yes
	Donsbach – yes	Treen – yes	

MOTION APPROVED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Donsbach asked if we followed up with Dona Curtis or if we need to followup with Dona Curtis. Administrator said we have not contacted her. Smith asked if we can give Dona a realistic time frame to get her items out. Administrator first asked Council if they wanted him to look into a price for tearing the building down, Palmer will be in town soon to tear another building down. Council agreed. Administrator said once we get a timeframe on tear down we can contact Dona Curtis.

Sarkan said he was discussing the Community Garden with Ms. Sylvain immediately after the last meeting. Ms. Sylvain informed him that if she were to pursue a community garden it would be privately done on private property. Sarkan stated it sounds like a great idea but he has a conflict with that and what the world of government is. If you give somebody free use of the property, you give them free use of labor, you give them free use of equipment, etc. Lets pretend the only two places in the Grand Rapids area to get produce would be the community garden and Thurmans. Thurmans are paying property taxes, if they have a mortgage they are paying the mortgage, they are paying for the equipment they use, they are paying for the labor, etc. Sarkan thinks if we get involved in this it would be a bad precedent, because every piece of vegetable that came out of the community garden is coming off of their revenue. He thinks it's a bad thing to set as a precedent and if it would come to a vote, he would vote against it. Council asked about the other garden. Administrator stated he would contact Suburban to proceed with replacing the asphalt.

Sarkan asked if the storm basin in the alley had been fixed next to the old Pharmacy. Administrator said yes it is complete. Smith said we had discussed this in the past, but the

sign at Howard Park needs to be repainted or redone and possibly changing the wording. We should have the park hours the same size as the wording so it can be seen from the sidewalk. Administrator said near the new Christmas Tree there are lots of cigarette butts around it and is pretty sure it's from Knuckleheads employees. Smith suggested having them put a butt hut near there to put them in. Treen asked what committee the sign was in. The sign was discussed in the Utilities, Sewers, and Streetlights Committee. Sarkan asked if we were scheduling the repair of the Elevator. Administrator stated yes he will get it scheduled.

NEW BUSINESS: Treen asked if we ever tracked who has served on this Council. Administrator said we have not created a list of Council and asked how far back would you go. Treen said possibly getting a plaque listing Council Members with their pictures. Treen just wanted to start the discussion. Mayor asked if he wanted to put it into committee. Treen stated he just wanted Council to think about it first then possibly put it into a committee later.

COMMENTS: Smith thanked Administrator for purchasing and installing straps on swing. Sarkan thanked Administrator for the clarification on CodeRed agreement.

ADJOURNMENT:

Donsbach made a motion, seconded by Smith, to adjourn.


Votes were:	Sarkan – yes	Smith – yes	Donsbach – yes
	Treen – yes	Krabill – yes	

MOTION APPROVED

The meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is May 13, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. at the Grand Rapids Town Hall.



Kristel Beyer, Fiscal Officer



John Berry, Mayor

All formal actions of the Council of The Village of Grand Rapids concerning and relating to the adoption of resolutions and/or motions passed at this meeting were adopted in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.